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Jensen amendment is going to become the bill. It's goals are good goals, things that we should aspire to. I don't think that we should do it in this manner at this time. And next year, I think, we should...we must revisit this and see if we can't come to albeit a more conservative goal. I think we have to address ourselves to the goals that we addressed several years back when we passed...when we set up that trust fund. On that basis, I reach a different conclusion than Senator Byars based on pretty much the same...the same concerns. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. The only other comment I would make, the amendment does not affect the first round of grants that will be awarded by the Nebraska Health Care Council related to tobacco this year. Like I said, they're in that process and they can go ahead and do those. And I just would reiterate that we will be back next year with a comprehensive bill on the trust fund dollars and how we will proceed from here. I would just ask for support in moving the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. The question is the adoption of AM2914 to LB 1436. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 1436 to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question is the advancement of LB 1436. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.